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News to Know

Title VI Surveys

The Title VI Survey for CY2025 was emailed on Jan. 2 to agencies in the 5309, 5310, 5311, 5339, MPO and RPC program. Please check your email for more information.

REMINDER: Intercity Bus Study & Survey

MoDOT is conducting a Statewide Intercity Bus (ICB) Needs Assessment to help determine the level of need and current utilization of public transit service in Missouri. **Your participation in this brief survey is integral to determining the demand for this service throughout Missouri.**

If you are a member of an organization, please distribute this survey to your clients, community or anyone else you believe may have an interest in this process. Your participation is requested as well.

Intercity Bus Service is defined as “Regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with stops in rural areas over fixed routes connecting two or more urbanized areas not in close proximity, has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers, and makes meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points, if such service is available.” **ICB service should not be confused with public transit service, the latter of which generally involves shorter, more local trips.**

Examples of ICB providers in Missouri include Greyhound Lines, Jefferson Lines, OATS and Southeast Missouri Transportation Service (SMTS).

Please complete the survey most applicable to you and/or your organization.

Other Stakeholders and the General Public

Intercity Bus Providers and Transit Agencies

Survey closes **Jan. 31, 2026.**



[MoDOT ICB survey for stakeholders and the general public web page link.](#)

Survey closes **Feb. 6, 2026.**



[MoDOT ICB survey for providers and public transit providers web page link.](#)

Note the following:

- Commuter service providing daily work trips within a local commuting area is not Intercity Bus Service.
- Service operated infrequently between limited points in one community and limited points in another community may qualify as Intercity Bus Service.
- Use of coach buses is not required to qualify as Intercity Bus Service, nor is there any other size requirement for vehicles.
- Rural transit agencies are not excluded from providing Intercity Bus Service.

Note to Urban Transit Providers: While only ICB and rural transit providers are eligible for FTA 5311(f) funding, your perspective is still critical in evaluating current intercity bus service demand and unmet needs throughout Missouri.

Accident Report

Did you know that when a federally funded vehicle has been in an accident, regardless of severity, it must be reported to MoDOT? MoDOT has created an Accident Report form transit agencies must/should complete. The form can be found on the [MoDOT-Transit website](#).

Send completed forms for review to:

Christy.Evers@modot.mo.gov

Vehicle Disposition Form

MoDOT has updated the vehicle disposition form. Transit agencies that receive federally funded vehicles through MoDOT must complete this form when requesting vehicles to be sold, buyback, etc. The use of this form is effective immediately and can be found on the [MoDOT-Transit website](#).

Send completed forms for review and processing to:

Lisa.Sloan@modot.mo.gov

Section 5310 Subrecipients

The FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Virtual Training-Part 382 is on **March 12, 2026**. [Click here to enroll](#).

Already enrolled, [click to access the webinar](#). Section 5310 transit agencies that have vehicles that are 16 passenger or more (including the driver) can attend this training.

DAMIS Reporting: For 5311 Agencies only

DAMIS reporting needs to be completed by **Feb. 13, 2026**.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

This January, MoDOT asks everyone to help prevent human trafficking by learning the signs and what to do if you suspect human trafficking is occurring.

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, in 2024 there were 272 cases of human trafficking identified in Missouri involving 539 victims. Places such as rest stops, gas stations, convenience stores, fast-food establishments and hotels are common location for the practice of human trafficking.



For additional information, visit [MoDOT's fight human trafficking website](#).



If you suspect someone is being forced to engage in any activity from which they can't leave, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733).

Information is available online at [humantraffickinghotline.org](#). Please save the National Human Trafficking Hotline number as a contact in your cellphone: **1-888-373-7888**. If someone is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

To view more training information and campaign materials, visit the [U.S. DOT Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking website](#).

Federal Actions & Updates



Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

Supporting Mental Health and Wellness

FTA recognizes the vital role that good mental health and wellness play in ensuring the safety, success and well-being of our nation's transit workforce. Protecting your mental health is both a personal and professional commitment that strengthens safety across our transit systems.

To support transit workers and the transit industry alike, FTA updated its online mental health resources addressing topics such as stress management, suicide prevention and mental health crisis response.

To learn more:

- Explore new materials on [FTA's Mental Health Resources for Transit Workers](#) web page.
- Review [Safety Advisory 22-4: Suicide Prevention Signage on Public Transit](#), which outlines best practices for effective signage and awareness campaigns.
- Watch [FTA's Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Intervention on Transit](#) webinar, featuring insights from transit and public health experts.

FTA thanks the transit community for continuing to foster environments where workers feel supported and valued. Together, we can make good mental health and wellness a cornerstone of transit safety.

FTA Major Event Playbook

FTA released a Major Event Playbook for public transit agencies, offering strategies to navigate federal requirements related to hosting major events. [The Playbook](#) joins [FTA library of resources](#) for managing upcoming events.

FTA Drug and Alcohol Virtual Training Opportunity (Only for 5311 Agencies)

The FTA Drug and Alcohol Project Office is pleased to offer online training sessions. These sessions will outline reporting requirements per 655.72 for direct FTA recipients and safety-sensitive contractors and subrecipients. Presenters will cover topics such as, "how to prepare your data," "what data to submit" and "pitfalls to avoid." These are designed to assist with meeting the reporting deadline, March 15, 2026. Presenters will also be available for questions during the sessions.

Upcoming Training Sessions:

Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. EST

Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST

March 3 from 1-2:30 p.m. EST

[Click to register](#) and secure your spot. Check your inbox for the access link the morning of the training. For questions, please contact the FTA D&A Project Office.

Transit Trivia Time!

Which city is home to the world's busiest train station (by passenger traffic)?

- A. New York City (City Hall Station)
- B. United Kingdom (London Waterloo Station)
- C. Tokyo (Shinjuku Station)

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section.

Upcoming Events

Missouri Public Transit Association Calendar of Events

Missouri transit providers and advocates have the opportunity to attend a variety of engaging and informative events in the coming months.

To learn more about these events and view others, please visit the [Missouri Public Transit Association Events website](#).



Transit Tuesday at Capitol

Join MPTA at the state capitol to help spread the word about the importance of state investment in transit.

Feb. 24, 2026 - In-person Jefferson City

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March 31, 2026 - *In-person Jefferson City*

Transit Tuesday at Capitol

Join MPTA at the state capitol to help spread the word about the importance of state investment in transit.

April 28, 2026 - *In-person Jefferson City*

Upcoming Reporting

January 2026

- Title VI Survey. **DUE Feb. 6th**
- Drug and Alcohol Reporting (DAMIS). **DUE Feb. 13th**
- Transit Asset Management Plan Update.

February 2026

- FY 2027 State Transit Assistance (STA) and Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program (MEHTAP) Applications.

Upcoming Conferences

5th Southern Hospitality Annual Transit Retreat

March 4-5, 2026 in Mobile, AL

[View the full agenda.](#)

19th Annual FTA Drug & Alcohol Program National Conference

April 14-16, 2026 in Portland, OR

2026 CTAA Annual Meeting & Expo

May 10-13, 2026 in Omaha, NE

2026 Missouri Transit Conference

Sept. 2-3 in Columbia, MO

[Explore sponsorship packages and register here](#)

For a listing of all National RTAP conferences and other national events, view our [calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email info@nationalrtap.org.

Trivia Answer: C. Tokyo (Shinjuku Station)

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to share what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please send those submissions to Nicholas.Volkart@modot.mo.gov.

TRAINING RESOURCES

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) <https://ctaa.org/>

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Drug and Alcohol <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

Mineta Transportation Institute [Upcoming Webinars](#)

Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) <https://www.mopublictransit.org>

Missouri RTAP https://www.mltrc.org/mltrc/About_RTAP.asp

Multimodal Partner Contact Map <https://www.modot.org/multimodal-partner-contact-map-mode>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

National RTAP <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

SUMC's Mobility Learning Center <https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/>

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#)

USDOT Drug and Alcohol <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

Visit our Website

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